

Remarks

In the Requirement for Restriction mailed June 9, 2006, restriction was required between:

Group I: Claims 1-12, drawn to a reagent of formula (I), classified in class 536, subclass 4.1; and

Group II: Claims 13-23, drawn to a method, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

In response to the Requirement for Restriction, Applicants hereby elect Group (I), with traverse. The claims of Group II, as now amended, clearly include the elements of claim 1. Therefore, in order to search and examine the claims of Group II, the Examiner will also want to search and consider art which relates to claim 1 of Group I. That being the case, there is no "serious burden" (as required by M.P.E.P. §803) in examining the claims of Group I and Group II together.

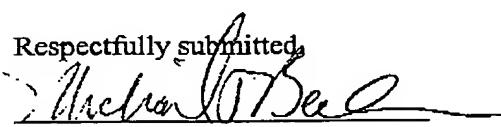
Applicants also request rejoinder of the claims of Group II, as amended, at such time as claim 1 is determined to be allowable.

Claim 13 has been amended to clearly indicate that a reagent according to claim 1 is used in the method of claim 13. Basis for this amendment is found in the original claim 13, and in the specification, e.g. at pp. 28-31 and throughout.

If any further issues arise in this case that may be resolved via a telephone call, the person responsible for this case is invited to call the applicant's attorney at the phone number given below.

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